[*English*]

Systems of Issue of Passports

2330. SHRI RAM KASPE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General of India in his Report No. 1 of 1991 for the year ending March 31, 1990 had pointed out various shortcomings in the system of issue of passports; and

(b) if so, the remedial measures taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINGH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The report has been recently received. Computers and More Secured Passport are being progressively introduced in Missions/Posts abroad. Missions concerned are being advised to meticulously follow accounting procedures, render services more expeditiously and carefully attend to all complaints and suggestions.

LPG Connections in Trivandrum District of Kerala

2331. SHRI A. CHARLES: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications pending for LPG connections in Trivandrum district of Kerala;

(b) since when these applications are pending yearwise; and

(c) the time by which the applicants are likely to be provided with LPG connections?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) and (b). As on 1.4.1991 there was 2.23 lakhs applications pending for LPG connections in Kerala. District-wise figures of pending applications are not maintained by Government.

(c) Efforts are on to give LPG connections to as many applicants as early as possible.

Krishi Vigyan Kendra

2333. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open a Krishi Vigyan Kendra at Rajgarh in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the Kendra is likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

LPG Agencies in Kumaun Mandal in Uttar Pradesh

2334. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any decision to set up LPG agencies in Kumaun Mandal;

(b) if so, the places where these are being set up and since when they are under construction; and

(c) the time by which they are likely to be completed and the estimated amount likely to be spent thereon?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). New LPG distributorships are opened in different areas as per Marketing Plans, products availability etc. Efforts are constantly being made to provide as many LPG connections as early as possible.

Disposal of Cases of Coal Bearing Areas 'Appellate Authority'

2335. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number and nature of cases submitted to the 'Appellate Authority' under Coal Bearing Areas (Acquisition and Development) Act. 1957 during the last three years;

(b) whether all the cases have been disposed of;

(c) if not, the number of cases yet to be disposed of and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which the remaining cases are likely to be disposed of?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will laid on the Table of the House.

Flood Control Scheme in Uttar Pradesh

2336. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh has submitted any scheme to the Union Government for the control of floods in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c). There are 34 flood management scheme costing Rs. 83 crores, under technical appraisal. 10 schemes costing Rs.17 crores have been recommended to the Planning Commission for approval. Observations on others, except seven recently received have been sent for compliance to the State Government.

[*English*]

Allotment of LPG Agencies and Petrol/Diesel Retail Outlets on Out of Turn Basis

2338. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG and petrol/diesel retail outlets sanctioned on out of turn basis during the last twelve months;

(b) the details of the persons to whom the agencies/retail outlets sanctioned and the specific reasons therefor;

(c) the number or requests pending with his Ministry for the allotment of agencies/retail outlets; and